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SUBJ: DACCA UNIVERSITY STRIKE AND DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE

REF: DACCA 1427

1. DACCA UNIVERSITY REMAINS CLOSED AND ORGANIZERS
OF STRIKE STATE THAT IT WILL REMAIN SO THROUGH MARCH 11
AT A MINIMUM. THERE ARE PROCESSIONS TODAY (MARCH 9)
BUT THESE, SO WE ARE TOLD, HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO
UNIVERSITY AREA, PARTLY BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF POLICE
AND PARTLY THROUGH WHAT APPEARS FOR THE MOMENT TO BE
DESIRE OF ORGANIZERS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.

2. A UNIVERSITY SOURCE TELLS US THAT STRIKE IS LED BY
COALITION OF CAMPUS POLITICAL GROUPS INCLUDING AWAMI LEAGUE,
JSD, PRO-MOSCOW NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY, BHASHANI NATIONAL
AWAMI PARTY AND UNITED PEOPLE'S PARTY. IN ADDITION
TO RAISING CAMPUS ORIENTED SLOGANS, STRIKERS ARE DEMANDING
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RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND
ADJUSTMENTS OF NEW PAY SCALES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

3. GROUPS PLAN TO HOLD MEETING ON MARCH 12 TO DECIDE
FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION. MEANWHILE, DACCA UNIVERSITY
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MARCH 8 EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT
STRIKE AND CANCELLATION OF TODAY'S SCHEDULED EXAMINATIONS

AND "URGED" A FAIR SOLUTION OF THE PAY SCALE ISSUE.

4. COMMENT: BDG SO FAR HAS NOT SENT POLICE INTO CAMPUS TO ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE STRIKE, BUT SUCH EVENTUALITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT ESPECIALLY IF PLANNED MARCH 12 MEETING SHOULD GET OUT OF HAND OR SHOULD DECIDE TO PROLONG CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY. AS MARCH CONTINUES TOWARD INDEPENDENCE DAY ON MARCH 26 AND ROLE OF MUJIBUR RAHMAN IS RECALLED, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS FAVORING HIS REHABILITATION BY HIS SUPPORTERS ABETTED BY THE LEFT. BERGESEN

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